

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor and Andrew Werthmann. Council Members absent: Mai Xiong.

UPDATE

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, January 12, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the December 8, 2020 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Article Dealer licenses for the 2021 licensing year.
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Jewelry Dealer license for the 2021 licensing year.
- Authorizing the Fire Department to accept a donation of six pairs of binoculars from Vortex Optics.
- Preliminary resolution declaring the City's intention to exercise its special assessment powers under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, for alley improvements, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a hearing scheduled for January 25, 2021, on the following alleys:
 - Alley South of Broadway Street, Fourth Avenue to Fifth Avenue (21-501);
 - Alley South of Broadway Street, Sixth Avenue to Seventh Avenue (21-502);
 - Alley South of Broadway Street, Seventh Avenue to Eighth Avenue (21-503);
 - Alley South of Altoona Avenue, Enterprise Street to East End (21-504);
 - Alley East of Ninth Street, Platt Street to Vine Street (21-505);
 - Alley East of Ninth Street, Maple Street to Walnut Street (21-506);
 - Alley East of Ninth Street, Cedar Street to North end (21-507);
 - Alley East of Eighth Street, Platt Street to Vine Street (21-508);
 - Alley East of Bellinger Street, Fifth Street to Randall Street (21-509);
 - Alley South of Walnut Street, Ninth Street to Eleventh Street (21-510);
 - Alley East of Doty Street, Emery Street to Seaver Street (21-511).

- Preliminary resolution declaring the City’s intention to exercise its special assessment powers under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, for street, utility, and sidewalk improvements, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a hearing scheduled for January 25, 2021, on the following streets:
 - Second Street, Cedar Street to Fountain Street (21-110);
 - Cedar Street, First Street to Second Street (21-102);
 - Platt Street, Oxford Avenue to 150 Feet West (21-108).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming Monday, January 18, 2021, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Eau Claire and encouraging all residents to join in recognizing this day with appropriate civic, community and service programs in honor of Dr. King’s life and lasting legacy.

President Weld read a proclamation designating January 2021 as “Human Trafficking Awareness Month” in the City of Eau Claire to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, to promote opposition to human trafficking in all of its forms, to encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking, to put an end to this criminal activity and to restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.

AGREEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving Settlement of Claimed Excessive Property Tax Assessment for Sam’s Real Estate Business Trust in the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Xiong joined the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Parking Use Agreement between the City and Royal Credit Union (RCU) for use of the City’s North Barstow Redevelopment District Parking Ramp. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GRANT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City to apply for Energy Innovation Grant funds to assist with installation of a geothermal heating system during the renovation of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

WORK PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Sustainability Advisory Committee's 2021 Annual Work Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CHIPPEWA-ST. CROIX RAIL COMMISSION

The City Council considered a resolution supporting the creation of the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission with counties and municipalities. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE

The City Council considered a resolution appointing a Council Member to the Communicable Disease Ordinance Task Force. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson "to adopt the resolution."

Council Member Emmanuelle nominated Council Member Klinkhammer, with his approval, for appointment to the task force and no objection was voiced. Upon consensus, Council Member Klinkhammer's name will be inserted into the resolution.

A vote was then taken to "adopt the resolution" with insertion. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at the 700 block of Water Street known as the Water Street Flats from RM to CBDP and to adopt the general development plan for two multi-level apartment buildings (Z-1678-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle "to postpone" to the February 8 & 9, 2021 Council meetings. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PARKING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 10.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled "Parking Meters and Lots."

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: January 12, 2021

Time: 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk